

# THE 4TH QUARTER REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS WILL BE DUE MAY 1ST

## MONTGOMERY MT Breeze

PUBLISHED BY THE MOUNTAIN BREEZE STAFF

### Know the facts about coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

Fear and anxiety about COVID-19 can cause people to avoid or reject others even though they are not at risk for spreading the virus.

For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19.

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease situation summary page.

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath.

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms AND have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or live in or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Call ahead before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room. Tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Stay home when you are sick.
4. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

### Notes from the Montgomery Police Chief

As the Commonwealth is currently shut down and the Town Hall closed to the public - if you have a "paper license" issued through the Montgomery Police Department that has not been entered into CJIS (Criminal Justice Information System) - it will take longer to renew your license and it may not happen before your expiration date. I will keep my

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### Town Clerk NEWS

#### Annual Town Election

Annual Town Election will be held on Monday May 4th from 12:00pm until 7:00 pm. Please come to vote to support the Town officials that work hard for this community. If you need an absentee ballot please call the Town Clerk.

Judy Murphy, Town Clerk  
413-862-3386 x3

**"The quality of your life is in direct proportion to the amount of uncertainty you can comfortably deal with."**

**Tony Robbins**

# Important numbers

FIRE EMERGENCY 911  
 AMBULANCE 911  
 STATE POLICE 911

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 862-4037

GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL 685-1102

GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL 685-1202

GMS ATTENDANCE 685-1201

LITTLEVILLE ELEMENTARY 685-1301

TOWN HALL OFFICE 862-3386

Listen to the following extensions of each office.

townhall@montgomeryma.gov

Administrative Secretary Hours, Tuesdays &  
 Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FIRE DEPT: 862-4505

FIRE CHIEF - CHRIS GALIPEAU 862-4599

TOWN CLERK - JUDY MURPHY 862-3386 ext 3

or direct line 642-6927

Office hours are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each  
 month from Noon - 4:00. Or you may call for an appointment.

POLICE DEPT:

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE CHIEF -

PAULA CHAPMAN Home 862-4949

Office 862-3386 ext 5

TAX COLLECTOR - JANE THIELEN 862-3386 ext 1

or direct line 642-8139

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER -

PHIL CAMP 862-4976

SELECT BOARD:

DONALD WASHBURN 862-3301

MIKE MORRISSEY 862-3386

JACOB CHAPMAN 862-4949

Meetings for the Select Board are held at 7:00 p.m. every  
 other Thursday.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

MADELYN AUSTIN 862-4004

mrrrr@verizon.net

LIBRARY:

LIBRARIAN - PAULA LONG 862-3894

montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com

HOURS: Tuesday 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Thursday 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS:

Meetings of the Board of Assessors are held on the 1st &  
 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Please call 862-3386 ext 2 or direct line 642-8105 for an ap-  
 pointment. Assessors' Clerk hours 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of  
 each month from Noon - 4 p.m.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION -

PAIGE LALIBERTE, Chairman 413-287-2167

The Conservation Commission meets on the first Monday of  
 each month.

COUNCIL ON AGING 862-3386 ext 6 or 642-8143

STATE REPRESENTATIVE LINDSAY SABADOSA:

info@lindsaysabadosa.com

(413) 539-8599

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

# April Calendar

All coffee hours, yoga and Osteoporosis exercise classes  
 have been cancelled for the month.

April Selectboard Meetings CANCELLED – Town Hall

April Town Hall hours CANCELLED

April 7 Recycling day

April 21 Recycling day

Scheduled events and times are fluid at this time and subject  
 to change.

## CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE

Anyone wishing to purchase a cemetery plot/lot,  
 please contact Joanne Hebert at 862-4586, Patty Lit-  
 tle at 862-3830 or Scott Darling at 862-3378, not the  
 Town Office. The price per plot is \$200, lots of 4 plots  
 are \$800. Sales are limited to residents of Mont-  
 gomery.

## Paula L. Chapman

Administrative Chief of Police

for the Town of Montgomery

OFFICE HOURS: 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

The office is in the basement of the Town Hall

April

May 14

June 25

July 9

August 6

April 16

May 28

July 23

April 30

## Condolences to...

Mae Kenyon and family on the loss of her husband,  
 Charles "Charlie" Kenyon on February 9.

Randy and Madeline Austin and family on the loss of  
 Randy's father, Richard Austin who passed away February  
 29 in Florida.

Randy, Madeline and family on the loss of Randy's  
 mother, Phyllis Austin-Bertera who passed away March 9  
 in West Springfield.

Geraldine "Gerry" Larrabee and family on the loss of  
 her husband Edwin "Skip" Larrabee on March 21.

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April 2020

**The Grille *will be* the place to meet your neighbors again!**

## Montgomery Grille

AT THE MONTGOMERY MARKETPLACE

Hi this is Scott. No funny adds or pics this month. I really wanted to stay open to help feed all the good people in this area. I feel like it is a family up here. So your first instinct is to help provide for family. My daughter Amy (who sends her love to all of you) made me think about how important it is to be responsible not to help spread this thing.

As much as I would love to cook for everyone. I have know way of knowing who has it and if it may be transmitted to me and I cook your food. Many of my customers are in the high risk age group. I could never live with myself knowing I might have been a path to any of them catching this thing.



I will be fine and will use this time to get things done. I plan on getting the grille as clean as it can be so when we reopen it will be as safe an environment as it can be. We will see how things progress.

I believe that things are going to be shut down longer than first stated. During that time if it is safe I would like to offer free cooking classes to kids as well as parents or anyone really. It would have to be in small groups of course. I just shudder at the thought of how much boxed mac and cheese might be consumed in the next month.

If it does seem safe to do i will talk with Paula at the library and see how we could best make the classes happen.

I am in good health and hope to stay that way. I can't wait to start cooking some nice comfort food and homemade soups, but until it is totally safe I just can't. God bless and thank you for having me as part of your community.

One more thing...We created a web site [montgomerygrillema.com](http://montgomerygrillema.com). Check the web site soon for any updates.

The Grille Family

***46 Main Rd, Montgomery, MA • 862- (FOOD) 3663***

# Not too early to watch out for dog and deer ticks

In this time of self isolating, the garden and our yards are a perfect place to get outside, get fresh air and find some peace and comfort. Still keep in mind, it is always "Tick" season, so protect yourself. Deer ticks may be active year round but spring, summer and fall are seasons of high risk. Dog ticks are most active in the spring and summer.

## April is the time to: -

- Spring clean your garden to get ready for the growing season. Trim back any remaining perennials and ornamental grasses before the new growth begins. Make sure you do not cultivate the soil if it is too wet. Remove winter mulches from roses and other plants to prepare for the new season.
- Early April, start tomatoes, peppers and eggplant seeds indoors;

germinate at 75 degrees.

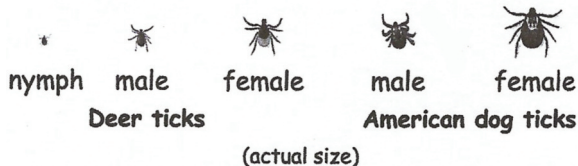
- Divide summer and fall blooming perennials, such as hosta, daylilies, chrysanthemums, aster and rudbeckia, before the bud set. Spring and early summer flowering perennials set their flowers the previous fall, so prune after they bloom. Divide spring and early flowering perennials in the fall.
- With increasing day length, houseplants need fertilizer and water more often.
- Do not overfertilize your houseplants.
- When doing spring clean-up, beware of hairy vines that cling to trees and fence posts. It might be poison ivy. It seems like poison is more prolific these days, Be careful, if your are allergic to poison ivy.

**GardenNews**  
by Chris Brown



See below for tick information:

## TICK IDENTIFICATION CARD



MA Department of Public Health  
617.983.6800  
www.mass.gov/dph

Deer tick nymphs and adults may carry germs that cause Lyme disease, babesiosis or human granulocytic anaplasmosis (ehrlichiosis). American dog ticks can carry germs that cause Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia.

Ticks are generally found in wooded habitats, near the ground. Deer ticks may be active year-round, but spring, summer and fall are seasons of high risk. Dog ticks are most active in spring and summer.

## TICK TIPS

Ticks may be seen more readily on light colored clothing. Use repellents appropriately. Do tick checks daily.

Remove attached ticks at once. Grasp the tick close to the skin and pull upward using fine-point tweezers. Avoid squeezing the tick.

If you suspect that you have a tick-borne disease, see your doctor. 6/07

## SWEET POTATO PANCAKES

Recipe for April 2020 Thank you Jeanne Aras for this latest recipe. I am always looking for favorite recipes, so please send to chrisbro40@yahoo.com.

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 3 cups all purpose flour                      | 2 Tbsp. packed brown sugar |
| 3 tsp. baking powder                          | 1/2 tsp. salt              |
| 1/2 tsp. ground ginger                        | 1/4 tsp. ground allspice   |
| 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon                      | 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg     |
| 1 egg   | 1 3/4 cup milk             |
| 1/2 cup canned sweet potatoes (can use fresh) | 2 Tbsp. melted butter      |

In small bowl, combine top 8 ingredients, flour through nutmeg. In another bowl, whisk egg, milk, sweet potatoes and melted butter. Stir wet ingredients into dry ingredients.

Pour batter by 1/4 cupful's onto a greased hot griddle or skillet. Turn when bubbles form on top. Cook until second side is golden brown. Serve with Butter and syrup or try caramel sauce (jarred) and sprinkle with nuts.

APRIL RECIPE

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Tim Baker  
Betty Bodendorf  
Scott Brzoska  
Curtis Bush  
Kathleen Cinelli

Erica Coon  
Joseph Coon  
Trevor Coon  
Louise Fowles  
Sandra Gil  
Gabrielle Goralczyk  
Jerry Goralczyk

Jason Harris, Jr.  
John Little  
Rick Little  
Mike Morrissey  
Ed Ondrick  
Louise Ondrick  
Lyndon Ondrick

Daniel Paradis  
Patty Spencer  
Joshua Tatros  
Gene Washburn  
Dennis Wassung  
Aaron Wendt

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Patty & Rich Little



## Dog license(s) 2020-21 update

Your current dog license will expire at the end of March. The new licenses are in. You must license your dog in this town or any other town that you live in. You can mail it to the address below just make sure you include a self-addressed stamped envelope, and a check made out to the Town of Montgomery. If you do not send the self-addressed stamped envelope the license will not be mailed back to you. The fee for dogs that are neutered is \$6.00, un-neutered is \$10.00. For multiple dogs you can make a copy of this form. If you prefer you can license your dog during the town clerks regular hours as listed in the Mt. Breeze, or you may also call me and make an appointment to obtain your license. You will also be able to obtain a license at the upcoming Town Election which will be held on Monday May 4, 2020 from 12:00 to 7:00p.m. If you have any other questions please feel free to call me.

The town by-laws require all dogs be licensed by July 1st of each year or you will be fined a late fee of \$25.00 per dog, along with the licensing fee. All dogs three months and older, even if they are inside dogs, must be licensed.



Thank you;  
Judith L. Murphy, Town Clerk  
58 North Rd, Montgomery, MA, 01085  
413-642-6927

ANIMAL LICENSE									
Town of <b>Montgomery</b>		NO.		AGE		YRS		MOS	
THIS CERTIFIES that _____, the undersigned,									
is the owner or keeper of an animal kept at _____									
Telephone: _____									
and described as follows: NAME _____									
SIZE		SEX		COLOR		PROMINENT BREED		SPECIES	
SMALL <input type="checkbox"/>	MEDIUM <input type="checkbox"/>	LARGE <input type="checkbox"/>	MALE <input type="checkbox"/>	FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>	NEUTERED <input type="checkbox"/>			Dog	
Further Details _____									
and is the animal described in _____									
RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE NO. _____									
Dated _____, 20____									
Signature of Owner or Keeper _____									
Expiration Date _____									
In reliance on the above certificate and the payment fee of \$ _____									
the animal above described is licensed for the period ending <b>4 / 1 / 20 21</b>									
Dated _____, 20____									
Town Clerk _____									



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# IMPORTANT NOTICE: Recycling guidelines redefined

Montgomery is still providing curb side recycling for its residents, as we have for the past many years. This program also enables the town to have our once-a-year Bulk drop-off. Many households in town have availed themselves of this service. Montgomery subscribes to the "dual stream" method of recycling, whereby paper and plastics, etc are separated and green bins are used. You can substitute your own bins, as long as the items are separated. Our recycling pick-up is provided by Republic Services and is deposited at the MRF facility on Bernie Ave. in Springfield. The town receives monies back from the facility for the tonnage we recycle. The recycling markets have decreased, but Montgomery does receive monies for our efforts.

The single stream recycling provided by some trash haulers DOES NOT benefit the town.

Below is a diagram of what items are not to be included in our dual stream recycling.



## Census Information

Because this affects both Westhampton and Montgomery, I wanted to send this information about the Census. It is very important that people understand that if their census letter does not include the right town name (and it might not in smaller communities, especially ones with shared zip codes), they will still be appropriately counted in the town in which they reside because the census counts them based on census blocks and not by town. This data is all synthesized at a later point. I would like to encourage people, as much as possible, to fill out the census online by April 1. This may have missed your publication dates, and, if so, I apologize. This issue was recently raised and I am trying to proactively address it so all our communities get their fair share of resources and no one avoids taking the census because of this confusion.

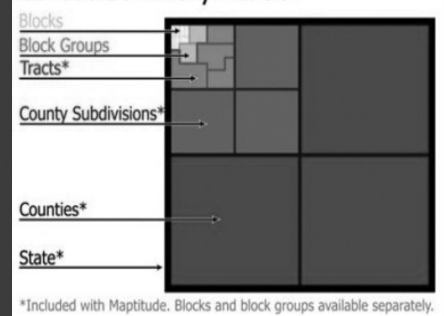
Kindly,

Lindsay Sabadosa,  
State Representative, 1st Hampshire  
76 Gothic Street, Northampton, MA 01060  
[www.lindsaysabadosa.com](http://www.lindsaysabadosa.com)  
Facebook: @LSabadosaMA  
Twitter & Instagram: @SabadosaMA

## Why does my census letter list a different town?

- The Census does not count people based on their towns. It counts based on an internal system called "census blocks."
- For smaller communities, these blocks can be very large and often include multiple communities, especially if they have the same zip codes.

### Census Summary Levels:



- If your census letter does not list the correct town, **DO NOT WORRY**. You can still fill out the census online and should do so if possible.
- Your census block information, contained within your unique household ID, will ensure that you are counted in the right municipality.

Qs? Please reach out to Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa at [lindsay.sabadosa@mahouse.gov](mailto:lindsay.sabadosa@mahouse.gov) or 413-270-1166.



## All HHS events postponed until further notice

Greetings to our fellow Montgomery residents and friends from the surrounding area! We are experiencing a most unusual time of our lives as we try our best to avoid becoming a victim of the deadly virus circulating.

Because events where large numbers of people would be gathering are banned, your Montgomery Historical Society planners have chosen to postpone our annual Roast Pork

### Historical Happenings



Supper until further notice. (We originally announced that it would be held on Saturday, April 18 or 25, but will not be holding it at this time.) When it is deemed safe to resume normal activities, we will reserve another date and announce information in a future issue of the Mountain Breeze.

*The display case in the Montgomery Library "hosted" by your Historical Society is currently exhibiting "Winged Things." There will be a change of display as soon as our library is reopened to the public. We apologize for this inconvenience*

## Easy reading – excerpts from a 1903 article about Montgomery's history

An article written Wednesday, September 30, 1903  
Times and News-Letter newspaper

*The Hampden County Town of Greater Altitude than Magnitude, Built on the Sky Line, where Cool Breezes Blow. An Ideal Summer Home. A Community of Farmers, and a Town with a Good Record.*

Onward and upward! That is the motto one must adopt, if he would travel to the high-built old town of Montgomery whose inhabitants live so far above the majority of people of the good old Bay State.

When after the close of the last French and English war, Ephraim Avery and his family removed from the town of Westfield and made their way up into the mountains, to the westward, to establish a home, they constituted the advance guard of what was destined to be a prosperous New England farming community. Here they and their followers found the land fertile and productive and the locality soon became known as the "New Addition" in Westfield, whence came nearly all the first settlers. As the place grew, the people expressed a desire to be set apart as a new town. They found it inconvenient to travel the long distance to Westfield or the other adjoining towns, to transact business, to attend elections, etc. so in 1780, there being then about 400 inhabitants, they besought the General Court to set apart territory, and have a town incorporated by the name of Montgomery, in honor of the brave Revolutionary patriot, General Richard Montgomery, who was killed in battle before the walls of Quebec in 1773.

From the earliest years of its history, Montgomery has been an agricultural town. There being no considerable water power available and the cost of transportation of raw material and finished products to and from the railroad centers being so great, manufacturing could not get a hold there and advent of the railroads in adjoining towns, especially in Westfield, had a tendency to draw by degrees from the population, so that in 1900, Montgomery had less than half the number of inhabitants that dwelt in the town one hundred years ago, at which time the place seems to have reached the zenith of its growth and power. Like many others of our New England hill towns, Montgomery has experienced a decadence, but its loss has been the gain of this larger towns and cities whither her sons and daughters

have gone to add their good influence to society and do their share in the world's work and those who remain upon the farms, parents, grand-parents, and other relatives, point with pride to the achievements of the children of the hills, who have gone down to the country's great metropolis, to the new West, an even to foreign lands, and there achieved fame and fortune, in the professions, in mercantile life and in the

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office hours to process any and all current applications as far as I can. In order to process renewals or new applications – I need a picture. Please e-mail me at [police@montgomeryma.gov](mailto:police@montgomeryma.gov) or leave a message at my home phone number 862-4949 – and we can try to arrange a time to take the picture. You can get the application at [Mass.gov/firearms](http://Mass.gov/firearms), complete it and I will do what I can.

Here are the tentative plans for Memorial Day – Covid 19 may change these plans. Still unsure if the band will be able to participate with school out of session. If there is no "official" observation I will be in the center of town at the Veterans Garden to honor all veterans – my father fought in WWII – and will take a walk to the Center Cemetery. All are welcome to join in. Watch the May Breeze for further information. Stay Healthy!

### MONTGOMERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE & PARADE

DATE: MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020

TIME: NOON – RAIN OR SHINE

WHERE: TOWN CENTER

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to take an hour or two out of your three day weekend to honor those who have served and those who are still serving.

Music will be provided by the Gateway Regional School District Marching Band. Service at Town Center with walk to Center Cemetery. We will feed the band lunch.

We will be accepting donations of – chips – water – sports drinks – money for purchase of grinders – desserts the day of the parade.

Donations can be dropped off in the Town Hall during open hours and Police Department open hours.

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world of invention.

Among the names closely identified with the history of Montgomery may be mentioned, Avery, Squier, Clapp, Allyn, Parks, Moore, Pettis, Kagwin, Pitcher, French, Fellows, Bosworth, Wattles, Barret, Falley, Mallory, Palmer, Chapman, Andrews, Root, Rice, Taylor, Herrick, Adams, Washburn, Coe, Williston, Clark and Kelso.

The population of the town at various periods is shown by the following extracts from the federal and state census reports: 1790, 449; 1800, 560; 1810, 595; 1820, 604; 1830, 579; 1840, 740; 1850, 393; 1855, 413; 1860, 371; 1865, 353; 1870, 318; 1875, 304; 1880, 303; 1885, 278; 1890, 266; 1895, 275; 1900, 273. These figures tell their own story, and the numerous cellar holes and abandoned acres scattered over the town show a gradual reverting to the condition of the original wilderness, a condition which the remaining inhabitants frankly acknowledge. To their credit be it said, those that remain are industrious, thrifty and have well kept and prosperous looking homes and productive farms. There are no paupers nor vicious people within the limits of the town. All are self-sustaining, a tending strictly to their own affairs; and disorder and breach of law are of rare occurrence, so that the stalwart constable finds little to do during his official term, in the way of dealings with wrong doers.

Montgomery may be reached by a number of highways leading up to the town from various points of the compass. Going from Westfield, the main route is that over Prospect hill, through Wyben and up the mountain by a steep climb to the center. Then there is Pitcher street which skirts the top of the high range bounding Wyben on the West, uniting with the first mentioned road at the little white school house, or if one chooses, he may drive through Pochassic, continuing west by the road that crosses the foothills of Tekoa, by the historic Falley homestead, and on up by the wood-bordered road that follows the general course of the reservoir brook.

This road is the most convenient avenue of communication with Montgomery for the people of Fairfield and vicinity, who go by way of the old Feeder road, around the base of Tekoa to the main road. From the Hamptons, on the north, roads lead into Montgomery by way of Russellville and other points; cross-roads from the region of Rock Valley and Hampton Ponds merge into the main road up the mountain; while from the region of Russell, Huntington and Norwich on the west are a number of much traveled highways that make the ascent to Montgomery easy as possible, for contrive as we will, the town's center can be reached in no other way than by a long and patient climb, where one feels prompted if driving to alight from the carriage and walk, out of sheer pity for the horse.

There is much in Montgomery for the lover of nature and rare scenery. It is preeminently a place for rest and quiet meditation. Standing on the elevations which abound, the naked eye may take in broad expanses of meadow, wooded knolls and distant hills. With a good field glass all these are magnified and beautified. Take an eastern view. The high point just north of Captain Hildreth's place is most convenient for a survey. Straight north, a dense forest obstructs the view, but the slow sweep of the glass soon reveals the spires and higher buildings of the Hamptons with their background of mountains and noted peaks, among which stands that grand sentinel, Mount Tom. Under

favorable conditions, on clear days, glimpses may be had of points as remote as Belchertown. The factory chimneys of Easthampton send up their smoke telling of the industries that make for the prosperity of that beautiful town, while eastward, in the middle distance, the silvery surface of Hampton Ponds glints in the sunlight. There are broad stretches of plain land surrounding these waters, with the barren gray of dried grasses, adding variety to the coloring that greets the eye.

In the valley at our feet lies the hamlet of Wyben, that thrifty farming suburb, a part of Westfield, where the landscape is checkered with fields rich with ripened crops. Wyben bears close relation to Montgomery socially and otherwise, the two districts having much in common, and the ties of relationship being numerous and close in these places. Proceeding somewhat to the south of this point of observation, by way of Pitcher street is the road leading down and up toward the famous Mountain House on the Moore farm. We may take a short side road which leads to the little red cottage of "Gus" Williams, the place being the site of the mill property acquired by the town of Westfield, when the water supply for this town was established in the early 70's. The Williams cottage was formerly the home of the millers who operated the water power here, and who had charge of the grist, saw, shingle and clover mills which stood for years on the premises, and the ruins of which may now be seen where the stream empties into the upper or storage reservoir. Here we find the old raceway, the foundation wall of the mill, through an opening in which the water still flows as it has for years.

In more recent years, and up to the time of the acquisition of the water privilege by the town of Westfield, the power was used to run a whip shop, which was operated here by Mr. Atwater Moore, then owner of the premises, who had a complete line of equipment of the usual whip machinery, including platting machines, etc. There is a grove of chestnut and other trees on the place, which is sheltered by a high hill on the north, and from which a beautiful view may be had increasing in scope as one ascends the height toward the Mountain House, to the north. Here we have the home of "Uncle" Atwater Moore and his wife, adjoining which is the residence of Representative L. O. Moore. This is undoubtedly the most sightly place in Montgomery, standing on an eminence which commands a wide view in all directions, that in a southerly direction being the most attractive, including as it does the broad expanse of water in the storage reservoir with the surrounding hills and forests.

This scene has been the admiration of the hundreds who have visited the place, including the many who have been guests at the Mountain House so long noted as a summer resort, and always the seat of that hospitality that has endeared the master and mistress of the place in the hearts of all who have ever been received within their gates. Looking northward from the Mountain house a view may be had of the Captain Hildreth place, one of the town's landmarks, and a little to the west, the group of buildings, including the churches and town hall, which constitute the municipal center, the center of religious, governmental and social affairs. A drive west, carries us out to the border of the town, where a view may be had up the Westfield river valley

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toward Huntington, where the eye also follows the course of the B & A railway. Here we look across the valley, over the town of Russell to the opposite heights of Blandford, another honorable hill town of Western Hampden, whose church, founded upon a rock, points its spire heavenward, a Christian landmark on the everlasting hill.

In this part of Montgomery, resided for many years, one of the town's stalwart sons and substantial citizens, Elisha Clark who died not long since. He was born in Montgomery, October 18th, 1813, and was a life-long resident of the town, his father, grandfather and great grandfather having lived there before him. Mr. Clark led an active and industrious life, in fact his capacity for work was remarkable and he never was beaten at mowing or chopping. As instance, it is mentioned that in his eightieth year he chopped one and one eighth cords of wood in one and one-half hours. Mr. Clark's great grandfather, Oliver Clark, one of the pioneer settlers of Montgomery, and first town clerk, removed from Canterbury, Conn. to settle in the wilds of Western Massachusetts mountains, traveling through the woods alone, following blazed paths. In the woods near Shatterack pond he put up a rude log cabin, placing it against a large stone or ledge, so that the stone formed one of the walls. Having thus established a home, he sent for his wife, who arrived in due time, on horseback having like her husband, made her way through the wilderness. She was greeted on her arrival with the words "Well, Lizzie, here's your home!"

Located far from the base of supplies, and being obliged to wait for the new land to bring forth crops, this pioneer family was forced to travel to Westfield to buy grain, take it to the mill to be ground, and trudge back with the meal on their shoulders to their mountain home. Their diet was simple in the extreme, bean porridge and johnnycake being the chief articles on the bill of fare, but these eatables proved a nourishment for brain and brawn that could be depended upon. Mr. Clark was a self-made man in the fullest sense of the word. His parents having died in his early youth, he was taken into the employ of a farmer to work during his minority, with the understanding that at the end of that term, he was to receive \$100 in money, but on becoming of age, he received \$50 in excess of that sum; and on this basis built up a comfortable home, always believing the virtue of keeping out of debt. Mr. Clark was a sympathetic and kindly neighbor, always ready to respond to a call in behalf of a worth object; and on social occasions or neighborhood gatherings, was often called upon to sing his favorite patriotic air, "The Sword of Bunker Hill," which he rendered with a spirit worthy of those inspiring lines.

Among the best known of the sons of Montgomery is "Uncle Bill" Avery, who resides in the northern part of the town who for a period of fully a quarter century, served Uncle Sam faithfully as mail carrier between his home town, and Westfield, going over the route summer and winter, facing the elements of their very worst, often having to drive cross lots to escape the work of drift and flood always mindful of his duty to the government, punctual and accommodating to his many patrons along the route and to those who sought transportation in his "mountain express". While Mr. Avery long since retired from service a stage driver, he is still active, considering his years, and drives down to Westfield occasionally on various errands and works about

his home.

Westfield owes much to Montgomery for being the source of our unrivaled gravity supply of water, the purity of which is noted. It is nearly 40 years since the town took active measure to secure a water supply from the northwestern hill; and in fact this was the first great engineering enterprise undertaken by the town and it certainly was carried out to perfection, standing as a blessing to the residents of the Woronoco Valley, and at all times furnishing an ample supply of pure water. For ages, there had flowed down through Montgomery and over the southern slope of its territory the stream designated by the Indians as Tomhummuck, dashing in cataracts down the mountain side, swirling in pools at the base of large boulders and coming down through the notch at Tekoa, crossing the fertile meadows of Pochassic and finally emptying into the Westfield River.

The older men delight to tell of the catches of trout that were made on this stream before various enterprises had placed obstructions to the running up of these game fishes. These accounts are calculated to excite the wonder and envy of the present day amateur beauties. In time this brook was made to furnish motive power for mills erected along its course, notable among which was the Falley plant of revolutionary times, a part of which was used as an armory, and the location of which was near the south line of Montgomery, not far from Tekoa, the ruins still being in sight in a ravine not far from the lower reservoir. Of this armory and allied industries and of the owner and operator. Richard Falley, whose remains lie buried in or forefathers' cemetery on Mechanic Street, much has been written, and we can readily understand that he and his enterprises played an important part in the early history of this section.

The famous sand spring located in a grove in Montgomery, not far from the Captain Hildreth place, is a source of Westfield's water supply, the stream flowing there from being a tributary of the main reservoir brook. This spring is never failing and the water is clearest, purest and coolest. For years this grove has been made the picnic ground for the people of Montgomery and others, who are attracted there by the excellence of the water.

The stream that flows through the Moore meadow above the upper reservoir is an ideal mountain trout brook, the pond below being a good shelter and breeding place, and good strings have been taken here, under favorable conditions of season and weather.

On the opposite side of the mountains, flowing down toward Russellville and emptying into the Manhan, at the above district of Southampton, we have Roaring Brook, one of the most picturesque mountain streams of this section. Then there is the stream known to us as Powder Mill Brook, which has its source in Montgomery and winds through Wyben, after a dash down the mountain side, and empties in the Westfield River at Frog Hole.

Time was, within the memory of the older inhabitants, when Montgomery had something of a busy center. This was where the churches and town hall are located.

Look for the continuation of this article in future issues of the MT Breeze.

April 2020



# Library News

**The difference between winning and losing most often is... not quitting- Walt Disney**

LIBRARY NEWS

Yoga, Basket Weaving with Chris Brown and Davis Bates  
Irish music will be rescheduled as soon as possible

Facebook.com/gracehallmemorial

Trustees Meeting May TBA at 6:30 pm

Libby App for eBooks

## Hours

Tuesdays 10 – 5:30

Thursdays 2- 8

Saturdays 9:30- 12:30

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## APRIL 2020

### BOOK & PLANT SALE

Date TBA in MAY from 9 am to 2 pm at the Corner School House ( Little Red School House) on the Corner of Pitcher St. & Main Rd. Stop in for great summer reads and plants for your yard. Donations of books will only be taken by appointment please contact the library; plant donations please contact Chris Brown. Sales from this event help support our Summer Reading Program

Convid-19 Shut down till April 7. If the shut down last longer than April 7 and to comply with the State on handling and disinfecting Library items the Library will provide the following services. If the ban is lifted then normal hours will return.

Curb side pick up/drop off Available

Dates Thursdays 12– 3 pm, Tuesdays 10 am to 1 pm,

Saturdays to be announced. Or by appointment

Please email library at: [montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com) or call 413-862-3894 for Item requests. We will have the items ready and bagged for you.

Just let us know by knocking on the Children's outside door and we will bring you the items out. Return items can be placed in the Drop Box.

Sorry NO Inter Library Loan items are available at this time and no HOLDS can be placed.

Libby is the Overdrive App for the Massachusetts eBook collection. You can also access the collection at [sails.overdrive.com](http://sails.overdrive.com) on both platforms you will need your Montgomery Library card number. Your card number is on the back of your library card or you can contact the library.

## FOR MOBIL DEVICES YOU NEED TO DOWNLOAD

THE LIBBY APP FROM YOUR DEVICES APP STORE. THIS IS FOR NOVELS, MAGAZINES AND AUDIO-BOOKS

1. Follow the prompts, yes if you have a Library card
  2. Next prompt select: " I'll search for a Library.
  3. At the next prompt type in "SAILS Library Network"
  4. Choose between Kindle or Libby App
  5. Choose: "Sign in with My library card"
  6. choose "MassCat Library Patrons"
- Enter with your barcode and PIN/password. Your barcode as your Login and the PIN/password is what you use to login to MassCat. This is usually the last 4 digits of your library card.

For Desk Top version: go to <https://sails.overdrive.com/>

Go to Sign In (right-hand side in blue)

On the "Select Your Library from the List Below" choose "MassCat Library Patrons"

Sign in with your barcode and PIN/password

# COUNCIL ON AGING

Serving the Citizens of Montgomery  
April 2020

## Calendar

**Coffee Hour – Cancelled**

**Osteoporosis Exercise Class -  
Cancelled**

## Birthdays

Louise Fowles	Sandra Gill
Anthony Hoynoski	Edward Chapman
John Little	Joyce Lutat
Gene Washburn	Patricia Spencer
Mary Brady	George Haas
Duane Lord	Curtis Bush
Betty Bodendorf	

Beware of fraudulent offers for COVID-19 testing from door-to-door, grocery store, telephone and mail order offerings— It is probably a scam!

The Massachusetts Senior Medicare Patrol (MA SMP) Program warns the public to be wary of anyone other than a treating physician who is offering you coronavirus testing. Be particularly suspicious of anyone offering COVID-19 testing in exchange for your Medicare number, money, or to gain access into your home. Be careful!

Never accept a coronavirus test from someone: • Who comes to your door; • Who approaches you at the grocery store or other community venue, parking lot, etc.; • Who calls offering a mail-in test in exchange for money or Medicare number; • Who calls to request your bank card or account information to pay for a test.

## The Huntington Lions Club Annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon



**Place – Blossom Center - Middlefield**  
**Date – May 16, 2020**  
**Time: 11:30 – 1:30**  
**Please call 862-3257**  
**Deadline is May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Please only seniors 60 years or older**

Senior Picnic – Strathmore Park  
Wednesday – June 19  
Noon – 3pm  
Entertainment – Sarah the Fiddler  
Peppermill Catering  
More Information Next Month



## **At-home Medication Mistakes Are on The Rise**

The rate of medication errors affecting people of all ages has doubled since 2000, according to recent data from U.S. poison control centers. Medication mistakes that happen in hospitals get lots of attention, but this study focused on mix-ups that occurred outside of health care facilities – mostly in the home. The results are published in Clinical Toxicology.

### **Wrong medicine or dose can be dangerous and deadly**

About 40 percent of the errors had to do with heart medications, pain relievers, and hormone therapy medications such as insulin. Mistakes included:

- Taking the incorrect medicine
- Getting the dose wrong
- Taking a medication twice by mistake.

Many people needed medical treatment due to the slip-ups. Some of the most common problems were:

- Drowsiness and fatigue
- Low blood pressure
- Irregular heartbeat
- Dizziness

Medication errors can be serious. In the 13 years covered by the study, they led to 414 deaths.

### **Follow directions, measure accurately to avoid medication errors**

Whether you're dosing out meds for yourself or for someone else, its crucial that you follow these safety guidelines every single time:

- Only use a measuring device designed for medication, such as a syringe or medications cup. Never use kitchen spoons or teaspoons when dosing liquid medication.
- Read the label and follow directions even if you've used the medicine before.
- Keep all medicine in its original packaging.

Also, keep poison control contact information clearly displayed in your home and stored in your cellphone in case of emergencies.

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